GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EAST WEST CORRIDOR IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution work of four laning under NHDP to connect East-West Corridor in Assam is getting delayed;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure its early execution;

(c) if not, the actual sector-wise progress made so far;

(d) whether a proposal for paved shoulder with expanded two laning of NH -52 is being finalized by the Government till the execution of four laning;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Improvement of Riding Quality Project (IRQP) work of the dilapidated stretch of roads as well as construction of bridges over rivers Simen and Jiabhoroli have commenced;

(g) if so, the target set for their completion; and

(h) if not, the reasons for delay and the status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The 4-laning under NHDP to connect East-West Corridor in Assam is targeted for completion by December, 2008.

(c) Total length of East-West Corridor in Assam is 678 km, out of which 18 km four lane Guwahati bypass has already been completed. Out of total 28 civil packages for 660 km under East-West Corridor in the State of Assam under NHDP Phase−II, 27 packages for 629 km have been awarded. The remaining one package from Harangajo (km 244) to Balachera (km 275) is delayed due to realignment on account of declaration of Borail Wild Life sanctuary. Work in most of the civil packages is in progress and date of completion of all packages is December, 2008.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. 2-laning with paved shoulders of NH-52 from North Lakhimpur (km 345) to Jonai (km510) and Dirak (km 845) to Rupai (km 876) is included under Phase 'A' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East. There is, however, no proposal to four lane this stretch of NH-52, at this stage.

(f) Improvement of Riding Quality Project in a total length of 346.60 km of NH-52 was approved by the Ministry. Out of this, 230 km has been completed by BRO and works in 40.13 km is planned during 2006-07 and the remaining 76.47 km is planned by BRO in 2007-08 and construction of bridges over river Simen and Jiabhoroli has not commenced.

(g) It is too early to indicate target of construction of bridges over river Simen and Jiabhoroli as survey & investigation for bridge at Simen river and model study for bridge over Jiabhoroli are yet to be completed by BRO.

(h) Does not arise.